

## KUROPATKIN HEARD FROM

Reported That He Was Killed Recently.

## RUSSIANS WERE CUT OFF

There Is Nothing But a Rumor to That Effect in St. Petersburg — Russian Van Posts Are Retiring.

St. Petersburg, June 28.—A rumor spread throughout the city last night that General Kuropatkin had been killed. This rumor was connected sometimes with a report that 70,000 Russians has been cut off by General Nogi's army and that Kuropatkin had been taken prisoner.

Nothing confirmatory of these rumors had been received either by the general staff or in press dispatches.

The members of the general staff say that no reports of special importance have been received.

A report received from General Linvitch indicates that the Japanese advance continues steadily and that the Russian van posts under pressure are retiring fighting.

## GERMANY'S REPLY.

Insists on Conference of Powers on Moroccan Question.

Paris, June 28.—Germany's reply to the French note on the subject of Morocco was presented during a conference at the foreign office yesterday between Prince Radolin, the German ambassador, and Premier Rouvier. While most friendly in form and entirely lacking a pre-emptory tone, Germany's response maintains the position that the Moroccan question must be regulated by a conference of the powers without any agreement in advance limiting the scope of such conferences. This was accompanied by the presentation of Germany's general point of view in such an amicable spirit as to disarm the suspicion entertained concerning Germany's ulterior motives.

It is thought that Premier Rouvier will be prepared to terminate the controversy, either by accepting the conference or submitting counter proposals. However, he informed Prince Radolin that no decision would be taken until the German note had been submitted to the council of ministers, Friday.

Tension in official quarters has notably diminished and this is only explainable on the theory that a conference will be accepted, as Germany's response does not make any notable concession. However, the agreeable tone adopted by Germany and the entire absence of menace appear to create the most favorable impression.

## AT A STANDSTILL.

Peace Negotiations Reach Period of Inactivity.

Washington, June 28.—With the President away from Washington, peace negotiations entered upon a period of inactivity which may continue until the President returns from Oyster Bay. Neither the Russian ambassador nor the Japanese minister received messages yesterday sufficiently urgent to necessitate their communicating with the President, and if it is possible they will refrain from troubling him in that way until after his New England trip. There is no confirmation of a report from Paris that negotiations for an armistice have been formally opened.

## RUSSIA ACCEPTS DATE.

Conference Will Probably Be Held in the First Ten Days in August.

St. Petersburg, June 28.—The foreign office has issued a communication confirming the statement made in the dispatches that Russia has accepted the time within which the first meeting of the peace plenipotentiaries will take place. The precise date depends upon the time of the arrival at Washington of the Japanese representatives.

## DALEY'S PROTEST.

Will Have No More Player-Umpiring on Local Grounds.

Manager A. W. Daley of the Inter-city ball team announces that the player-umpire system has been tried for the last time on Inter-city park while he manages the local team, as he will have no more like that of yesterday repeated. With the Inter-city's protest all the teams have signified their disapproval of the scheme. Daley says he will go into the grand stand for an umpire rather than submit to the scheme.

Coombs will pitch for the Giants against Burlington on the local grounds tomorrow, and "Cy" Morey will go against the New Yorkers at Plattsburg today.

## Killed Riding a Bicycle.

Pittsfield, Mass., June 28.—Assistant Postmaster Edward S. Hill was killed today while riding a bicycle, by colliding with a trolley car.

## A PRETTY WEDDING.

Maud Gleason of Richmond and M. G. Leary of Burlington.

Richmond, June 28.—Miss Maud Gleason of this place and M. G. Leary of Burlington were married at 8 o'clock by the Rev. A. J. Glynn, the ceremony taking place in the Catholic church. The church was beautifully decorated and especially the sacristy within which the marriage ceremony was performed. The happy couple were hidden beneath ferns and palms. The bride was gown in pure white silk and carried bridal roses and was attended by her sister, Miss Mattie Gleason, and Thomas Leary was best man. Promptly at eight o'clock the bridal party entered the church to the strains of Lohengren's wedding march with Miss Bostwick at the organ.

After the ceremony the happy couple and a few invited friends were driven to the home of the bride where light refreshments were served and a pleasant hour was spent. The couple left for a two or three weeks' honeymoon at Saratoga and Niagara Falls. Many beautiful presents were received by the bride. Among those from out of town who attended were Attorney Webster and Miss McCarty of Burlington, the Misses Harrington of Barre, Dr. Lerner of Hinesburg, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Leary of Turners Falls, Mass., J. J. Goodwin and wife of Barre, Dr. John Murphy and Mark Berry were ushers.

## KICKED IN HEAD, RECOVERY DOUBTFUL

John Branch, Jr., of St. Albans Received Fractured Skull Today—Physicians Give But Little Hope That He Will Get Well.

St. Albans, June 28.—John Branch, Jr., son of Treasurer John Branch of the Peoples Trust company, one of St. Albans' best known citizens, was kicked in the head by a horse this morning, receiving injuries which, it is feared, will result in his death. The skull was fractured.

The accident happened at the Bay, where the young man was camping with a party of friends. Branch was hitching up his horse when the animal became fractious and kicked him in the head. The injured lad was brought to this city this forenoon and taken to the hospital. Drs. Davidson and Hyatt, who performed the operation, give but little hope for recovery. Branch is nineteen years old, and is a recent graduate of the St. Albans high school. He is engaged in banking business with his father.

## REV. A. M. BRADLEY OUT.

Springfield, Mass., Church So in Debt State Supt. Has Taken Possession.

Rev. A. M. Bradley, who went from the Barre Universalist church to Springfield, Mass., Feb. 1st, closed his services there last Sunday.

The facts are that shortly after he went there he found bad financial conditions in the church. There were heavy debts daily becoming more pressing. Mr. Bradley quickly made up his mind that it was impossible for the church to meet its obligations at the rate of expense under which it was running, and sent for Dr. Conklin, the state superintendent. When he was able to possess himself of the facts he agreed with Mr. Bradley and together they arranged with the trustees whereby—without resignation—he closed his work last Sunday and Dr. Conklin as state superintendent took charge in an endeavor to extricate the church from its embarrassment and at the same time save the property from foreclosure.

The relations between Mr. Bradley and the parish are most friendly. These troubles had culminated before he went there but the fact was known to only one or two of the trustees, who concealed it, in the hope that with a new minister they would pull out.

## WHIPPED HIS STEP SON.

Ripton Man Found Guilty in Addison County Court.

Middlebury, June 28.—The case of State vs. Delbert D. Burns of Ripton for whipping his eight-year-old stepson, William Burns, went to the jury at 10:30 yesterday morning and at the opening of the afternoon session returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence was deferred.

The case of State vs. Minnie Lewis, a somewhat ancient Hancock woman, who is charged with having unlawfully killed a deer at Hancock during the closed season on August 12 last, and in another count with having unlawfully had portions of the carcass of a deer in her possession at the same time and place was heard and she was found guilty. The court imposed the statutory fine of \$100 and costs. The woman was taken back to jail but it is expected the fine will be paid today.

## WHISKEY FURNISHED PRISONER.

St. Albans Man's Audacity Rewarded by a Fine.

St. Albans, June 28.—The high water mark for audacity and nerve was reached here yesterday, when "Chevy" Shappy furnished John Riley, a prisoner in the Franklin county jail, with a bottle of whiskey. Shappy was arrested and at once demanded a trial by jury. The jury found him guilty and he appealed from the decision and furnished bail in the sum of \$400 for appearance at the September term of court. Riley was being held on a charge of intoxication.

## FIRST BLOOD FOR HARVARD.

Freshmen Won Four-Oar Race This Forenoon.

New London, June 28.—Harvard won the Freshman four-oar mile race this morning, four lengths ahead of Yale. The time was 5 minutes and 33 seconds.

## RECEIVED HIS WASH WOMAN

President Roosevelt's First Caller Today.

## EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE

Chief Executive Then Joined March of Harvard Graduates to Sanders Theatre Where Exercises Were Held.

Boston, June 28.—The first caller on President Roosevelt today was Mrs. Taylor, a colored woman who washed for the chief executive when he attended college. The president shook hands with her and thanked her for calling.

The president left the house of Bishop Lawrence at 9:30, under escort of the Lancers, for Massachusetts hall, where he was warmly greeted by President Eliot and the fellows of Harvard College. The president was accompanied by Lieutenant-Governor Guild, Governor Douglas being unable to attend commencement exercises on account of illness. Later the president joined his class in a march to Sanders theatre, where the exercises were held.

Nine hundred and ninety-eight degrees were conferred on graduates and 36 out of course. Honorary degrees were conferred as follows: Master of arts, Frederick Pike Stearns of Boston, chief engineer of the Metropolitan Water Board; doctor of science, James Homer Wright, pathologist; doctor of laws, Henry Marion Howe, professor of metallurgy in Columbia University; Reginald Helsler Fitz, physician, James Burrill Angell, president of the University of Michigan, Edward Douglas White, associate justice of the United States supreme court, William Howard Taft, secretary of war.

## ALUMNI DAY.

Their Part in Exercises of U. V. M. Yesterday.

Burlington, June 28.—The alumni had especial part in yesterday's exercises at the University of Vermont. The alumni meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa was followed by the business meeting of the alumni association. The alumni later dined in the gymnasium. A meeting of the athletic association and the Phi Beta Kappa oration followed. The dedication of the new medical college building was arranged for the late afternoon, and the college play was given last evening.

The graduation exercises were held today at the Strong theatre. Degrees were conferred on 34 persons in the academic department and on 48 in the medical department.

## Dartmouth Confers Degrees.

Hanover, N. H., June 28.—Dartmouth's honorary degrees were conferred today as follows: A. M., John McLean, governor of New Hampshire; Robert Wilson Chamberlain, associate justice of the supreme court of New Hampshire; George Kuhn Clarke of the Suffolk county, Massachusetts, bar; doctors of divinity, Edwin Whitney Bishop, pastor of the South Congregational church, Concord, N. H.; Charles Allen Densmore, pastor of the First church in Waterbury, Conn.; doctors of laws, Charles Loomis Dan, physician of New York city, Seth Chase Gordon, physician, Portland, Me.; Charles Ransom Meller, editor, New York Times; Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president University of California; Charles Andrews Willard, associate justice of the supreme court of the Philippines.

## Yale Distributes Degrees.

New Haven, June 28.—Yale distributed her degrees today. There were a total of 169 degrees conferred upon examination and 14 honorary degrees.

## VETERANS BID ADIEU AT THE BANQUET

13th Vermont Regiment Survivors Closed Their Meeting in Montpelier Last Night—Col. A. A. Clarke President.

At the session of the 13th Vermont regiment reunion late yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected: President, Col. Albert Clarke of Boston; vice president, C. S. Palmer of Burlington; secretary, John H. Lyon of Colchester; treasurer, H. W. Allen of Burlington; executive committee, W. W. Holden of Northfield, William Crosby of Vergennes, E. N. Peck of Burlington.

At eight o'clock last evening a reception was tendered the veterans and there wives in the parlors of the Pavilion.

Capt. Frank Kenfield of Morrisville acted as toastmaster at the banquet, which closed the festivities of the day. Following a cordial address of welcome by Mayor Frank M. Corry, responses were made to the following toasts: "Our Green Mountain State," Gov. C. J. Bell; "Vermonters in Other States," Col. Albert Clarke of Boston; "The Flag We Follow, and the Grand Army of the Republic," Department Commander Seymour H. Wood of St. Albans; memorial sketches, of James B. Souly of Burlington, by Col. H. W. Allen of Burlington; of Sumner A. Andrews, by Capt. Frank Kendall of Morrisville; poem, by Comrade D. S. Stoddard of Waitsfield, read by Mrs. Dora S. Eddy, his daughter; "Daughters of Vermont, Native and Imported," the Hon. C. S. Palmer of Burlington.

## 28 GO FORTH FROM GODDARD

Graduation Exercises For 1905 Today.

## AT SEMINARY CHAPEL

Sue L. Knight Was Valedictorian and Emily G. Calef Salutatorian—Commencement Closes With Reception Tonight.

Sunshine for the first time this week favored the 36th annual commencement exercises at Goddard seminary at 10 o'clock this forenoon. The programme was most interesting and was successfully carried out. The attendance was the largest of the week, the chapel being crowded full. The stage was very prettily decorated with flowers and the back of the stage was banked with green maple branches.

The exercises were opened with a musical selection by Gilbertson's orchestra and after prayer was offered by President Shipman, the essay with salutatory was given by Emily Grey Calef, Washington, second honor. Very fitting salutatory remarks were given to the class, after which she read a carefully prepared and interesting essay on "The Chief Interrogative," which she asserted should be that of building character and the making of a perfect man.

Josie Dewey Baldwin, Lyndonville, delivered in a good manner an interesting oration on "Opportunity," followed by a nicely written essay on "June" by Esther Estella Blanchard, Randolph. "The Battle of Life" was the subject of an excellent oration by Winifred Harvey Hewitt, South Royalton. Agnes Bradford, Walden, read a well written essay on "The Extermination of the Indians." Harold Cornelius McMahon delivered a scholarly oration on "The Unreal and Real." He spoke with a good voice and was closely followed by the audience.

Edwina Hallie Lane wrote the class prophecies and pictured in a humorous light the different conditions and occupations that she found the members of the class engaged in one year after leaving school.

As speaking as its title was the finely written essay on Sunshine, by Grace



EMILY G. CALEF,  
Salutatorian.

Anna Knight of Westmoreland, N. H. Probably one of the best orations of the exercises was that delivered by John Robert White, Williamsville, on "Occupation," which he treated most intelligently under three heads, educational, industrial and religious.

The valedictory was then given by Sue Levine Knight, Westmoreland, N. H., first honor. She spoke of the pleasant and helpful association that they had enjoyed with the teachers and students and of their obligations to the board of trustees of the school and lastly of the parting of the class into the different walks in the world. After the singing of the class hymn, written by Winifred Harvey Hewitt, Principal O. K. Hollister gave them brief farewell remarks. "You are standing at the open door," he said, "and there are two roads leading from it. The motto of one is self and the other service. Taking one you will find many troubles, discontent, every sorrow, disappointment and degradation. Taking the other you will find cheer, happiness and joy in the work. We send you out believing that you will take the latter road. The twenty-eight diplomas were then presented to the class by President W. R. Shipman.

At the close of these exercises the alumni dinner was held in the dining room, followed by after-dinner speeches by alumni members.

The graduating class numbers 28, and are: Esther E. Blanchard, Randolph; Agnes Bradford, Walden; Mary Adeline Buell, South Strafford; Emily Grey Calef, Washington; Mary Gonyon, Granville; Nora L. Holt, Williamstown; Susie B. Kendall, South Strafford; Adeline Mayo, Granville; Edwina H. Lane, Montpelier; Grace A. Knight, Westmoreland, N. H.; Bertha B. McLean, Granville; Delena Merlo, Barre; Ibbie Jean Renfrew, South Ryegate; Pearl H. Richmond, Springfield; Eva M. Scott, Clinton, Mass.; Minnie E. Scott, Marshfield; Annie Sullivan, Hardwick; Alice Sulli-

van, Hardwick; Gertrude Whitney, Springfield; Josie D. Baldwin, Lyndonville; Martin E. Briggs, Granville; Carlisle A. Brown, North Williston; Rudolph, R. Butler, Washington; Winifred



SUE LEVINA KNIGHT,  
Valedictorian.

H. Hewitt, South Royalton; Harold C. McMahon, Stowe; William F. Pike, Derby Line; John R. White, Williamsville.

## TRUSTEES MEET.

Election to Succeed Dr. B. W. Bralley.

At the adjourned meeting of the board of trustees yesterday afternoon Frank A. Knight, Westmoreland, N. H., was elected a trustee to succeed Dr. B. W. Bralley, Barre. The officers of last year were re-elected with the exception of A. C. Blanchard and W. H. Gladding being succeeded on the executive by Arthur D. Parwell, Montpelier, and Don V. N. Camp, South Barre; and C. N. Kenyon was elected to succeed B. P. White as one of the auditors.

## THE PRIZE SPEAKING.

A Very Successful and Interesting Contest.

The annual Goddard prize speaking at the opera house last evening was one of the most successful contests that Goddard has had in late years. The first prize for the girls was awarded to Miss Edwina Hallie Lane, Montpelier and the second to Miss Pearl Hinman Richmond, Springfield. The first prize for the boys went to John Robert White, Williamsville, and the second to William Flint Pike, Derby Line. The judges were, Mrs. A. C. Averill of this city, I. Rich Kent of Boston and Miss Blanche Townsend of Chelsea and their decision met with a general approval of the audience present. The speakers were drilled by Irwin L. Potter of this city who graduated this spring from the Emerson School of Oratory at Boston. The easy manner of the speakers on the stage, their graceful gestures and the more ordinary proficiency of all the contestants in presenting their pieces speaks in most complimentary terms for the work of Mr. Potter.

The programme was as follows: Catiline's Defense, Croly, Charles Martin Brown, North Williston; Danse Cubaine, Crillos, Miss Butterfield, Miss Wyman; The Mustard Plaster, Fielding, Pearl Hinman Richmond, Springfield; The Ballad of East and West, Kipling, William Flint Pike, Derby Line; Helene Tharme, Stuart Phelps, Edwina Hallie Lane, Montpelier; Suite II, Opus 39, W. Goldner, Miss Richmond, Mr. Hewitt; Overture, Franz von Suppe, Miss Lane, Miss Richmond; The Violin Case, Anon, Leonard LeRoy Hunt, New York, N. Y.; Captain January's Star, Richards, Eva May Scott, Clinton, Mass.; Polka Caprice, Bartlett, Miss Phelps, Miss Owens; Toussant's Last Struggle for Hayti, Phillips, John Robert White, Williamsville; Wanted: A Chaperone, Ford, Charlotte Elizabeth McLean, Granvilleville.

## HE DOESN'T KNOW

## WHAT HIT HIM

But Very Likely 'Twas a Train That Made Thomas Stewart Unconscious for a Dozen Hours.

Thomas Stewart of New York, a stonecutter, doesn't know how it happened, nor does anyone else apparently, but Stewart was picked up alongside of the Central Vermont railroad track north of the city early last evening, unconscious and to all appearances badly hurt. The branch train coming in at 6:40 brought the injured man to the Emergency hospital, where he was treated.

He remained unconscious all night, but this morning came to enough to give his name and residence, also occupation. When questioned regarding the cause of his condition he could not tell, simply saying that all he remembers is starting to take a car for Montpelier. His injuries are not of a serious nature, being a slight concussion of the brain and a gash, five inches long, on the back of the head. The hospital officers said that he would undoubtedly recover.

Stewart may have received his injuries through being struck by a train or by a blow from some jagged weapon. It is said that a man was seen on the Central track in that vicinity early in the evening and he may have been the same person. Engineer Farrell who was in charge of the train does not think that his train hit the man. He saw the man lying beside the track and stopped to investigate. The place is near Clark Shepard's. Mr. Shepard says that he saw the man on the track about fifteen minutes before the train came along, and his son saw the man sitting on the track a few minutes later. This leads to the belief that Stewart was a trifle slow in getting out of the way of the train and that he received a hard blow. Stewart's own brain is still cloudy on the occurrence.

## NO TOY PISTOLS THE FOURTH

Young America Must Restrict Enthusiasm.

## TO CUT OFF DELINQUENTS

Who Have Failed to Pay Water Rents and Interest — Bridge Peticioned for Outside the City Limits.

Aside from making regulations for the Fourth the meeting of the board of aldermen was one largely of reports last evening. The board adopted the following rules for the Fourth.

It was voted that the firing of toy pistols on the streets be strictly prohibited and also that no one shall be allowed to set off fire works except on the 3d and 4th days of July, from Monday morning until midnight Tuesday; and that the police be instructed to have placards placed on the streets advising the public of these facts.

It was voted to pay off in the street and water departments before the 4th.

The board also voted that the water superintendent be instructed to shut off the water of all parties who are liable to pay the extra 10 per cent on water rates and have not yet done so.

Bids for the temporary loan of \$15,000 were opened after the meeting, as follows: Granite Savings Bank & Trust Co., \$344; Loring, Tolman & Tupper, Boston, \$375; Barre Savings Bank, \$399. The Granite Bank secured the loan.

Several city warrants were read and ordered paid.

The committee on fire reported on the application of G. Tomasi for a permit to rebuild the building of his recently partially destroyed, that he be allowed to rebuild, if he does so in accord with the fire ordinances. The same committee reported favorably on the application of C. Zanloni to build a storehouse on Merchant street. Both reports were accepted.

The committee on salaries recommended A. J. Kempton be paid \$65 a month for three months as city engineer.

The committee on streets reported on the petition for a bridge across Jail Branch that the location designated in the petition was wholly in the town of Barre and outside the jurisdiction of the city. The report was accepted and the petition was laid on the table.

The committee on streets reported that they had notified M. Steiner & Co. and David Sickle they could hang signs in front of their places of business so long as they did not project over the sidewalk beyond private property line.

The street committee reported on the expenditures for May, as follows: Streets, \$1,760.75; sewers, \$429.43; sidewalks, \$405.02; surface sewers, \$57.75; bridges and culverts, \$32.49.

It was voted to lease the use of a lot of city land on the Martin brook to C. A. Badger for \$10 a year.

The city engineer reported that he had investigated the complaint of J. K. Anderson about water setting back in his cellar, and found that Gunner's brook was higher every spring than the water in Mr. Anderson's cellar and that there was no way of keeping the water out of his cellar unless he made it water tight. The report was accepted and placed on file.

A lease of the city pasture to Fred Hayden was read and accepted and the mayor ordered to execute the same.

The street committee was authorized to execute a contract with John C. Crowley to paint the city bridges for \$120.

A communication from City Attorney Gordon expressed the opinion that a resolution delegating to firemen the duties of fire wardens was not in accord with the city ordinances. The report was accepted and the resolution was repealed.

The special committee appointed to investigate the amount of the receipts of the gas company to June 1st reported they were \$836.46, and that the 2 per cent due of this would be \$16.73.

H. L. Averill was granted a permit to sell fireworks from early Monday morning until late Tuesday night.

W. R. Sutherland for Guidici Bros. appeared in behalf of his employers to know what had been done towards raising the grade of Sixth street where it crosses the Montpelier & Wells River railroad tracks. The report of the city attorney was read, and the request was made to the council to see if the matter could not be closed up. The matter was referred back to the street committee and city attorney.

Edward Chesser appeared to see about a bill of his for supplies to the poor department which had never been paid. The bill was contracted a year ago. The matter was referred to the charity committee to bring in a written report.

B. P. White appeared about a bill he received for cleaning out a sewer, which he thought belonged to the city to pay as the stoppage was due to neglect of the city. The matter was laid over for consideration in executive session.

## Susanne a Winner.

Kiel, June 28.—The schooner yacht Susanne was a winner in the race from Dover to Heligoland for the Kaiser's cup. She finished first in today's race, the Hamburg second and Meteor third.